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SUBJECT: STATUS OF J.A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
SUBCONTRACT WITH WESTINGHOUSE IN THE
SIDI KREIR NUCLEAR PROJECT

1. MR. THOMAS NEMZEK, VICE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR ENERGY
ADVISOR OF J.A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, NORTH CAROLINA,
CALLED ON TREASURY OFFICIALS JULY 13 TO DISCUSS PEREMPTORY
EGYPTIAN (MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY SULTAN) REJECTION OF
JONES AS WESTINGHOUSE SUBCONTRACTOR IN SIDI KREIR NUCLEAR
PROJECT. ACCORDING TO NEMZEK, JONES HAS WORKED CLOSELY
WITH WESTINGHOUSE ON THE PROJECT FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS.
APPARENTLY JONES PARTICIPATION WAS ACCEPTABLE UNTIL SEVERAL
WEEKS AGO WHEN SUDDENLY MINISTER SULTAN ADVISED WESTINGHOUSE
THAT JONES WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. NO EXPLANATION GIVEN AS TO
WHY JONES NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE.

2. JONES HAS REQUESTED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY (COUNSELOR WAHAB
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IN GHORBAL'S ABSENCE) TO ASSIST COMPANY IN BEING RE-

CONSIDERED FOR THE PROJECT.

3. WHILE QUESTION OF WHICH COMPANY GETS SUBCONTRACT IS
MATTER FOR WESTINGHOUSE AND GOE TO RESOLVE, WE BELIEVE GOE
SHOULD BE ABLE PROVIDE EXPLANATION FOR REJECTING JONES AT
THIS STAGE. CAN EMBASSY SHED LIGHT ON REASON JONES TURNED
DOWN. KISSINGER

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